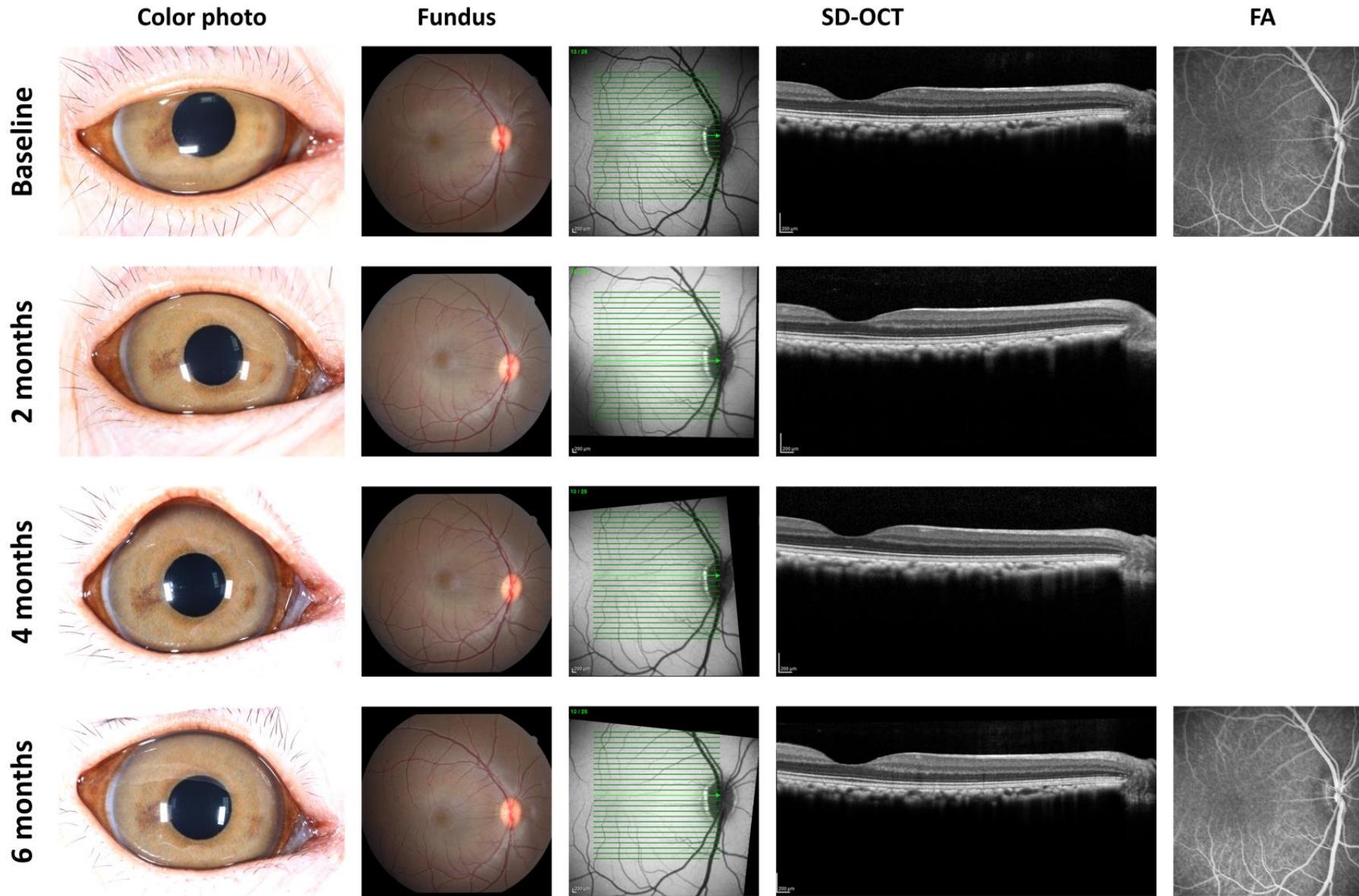


**Suppl 1. Histopathology of a nonhuman primate who sustained a retinal tear at the time of IVT injection of afibbercept-DDS; vitreous hemorrhage was visible at 1 month post-injection (#7).** (A) Gross photo demonstrates DDS material (\*) in the superotemporal vitreous adjacent to pars planas. The DDS was opaque with well-defined borders and strings visible at 1 month post-IVT injection (A). (B) Dense accumulation of red blood cells was observed with clusters of macrophages in the anterior vitreous lining the pars plana and peripheral retina.

**Suppl 2.** Signalment, IVT injection and examination findings, and endpoints for the 10 nonhuman primates included in this study.

| Animal # | Gender | Age (years) | Body weight (Kg) | DDS injection                                | Aqueous flare/cell (14-day post-inj.) | Aqueous flare/cell (at the end point) | Vitreous cell/floater (14-day post-inj.) | Vitreous cell/floater (at the end point) | Usage of the globes post euthanasia | End point (month post-inj.) |
|----------|--------|-------------|------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1        | Male   | 8.5         | 13.41            | Clear inj. at 6 times attempts               | NA                                    | 0 / 0                                 | NA                                       | Tr / PB+TA                               | DDS concentration                   | 1                           |
| 2        | Male   | 4.5         | 8.26             | Clear inj. at once                           | NA                                    | 0 / 0                                 | NA                                       | 2 / PW+TA                                | DDS concentration                   | 2                           |
| 3        | Female | 4.5         | 6.8              | Clear inj. at 2 <sup>nd</sup> attempts       | NA                                    | 0 / 0                                 | NA                                       | 1 / PB+TA                                | DDS concentration                   | 3                           |
| 4        | Female | 5.2         | 6.25             | Clear inj. at once                           | NA                                    | 0 / 0                                 | NA                                       | 0 / TA                                   | Lost sample                         | 4                           |
| 5        | Female | 7.5         | 8.65             | Clear inj. at once                           | NA                                    | 0 / 0                                 | NA                                       | 0 / TA                                   | Lost sample                         | 5                           |
| 6        | Male   | 6.3         | 7.6              | Clear inj. at once                           | NA                                    | 0 / 0                                 | NA                                       | 0 / TA                                   | Lost sample                         | 6                           |
| 7        | Female | 11.7        | 9.75             | 5 times attempts: retinal hit and hemorrhage | Tr / 1                                | 0 / 0                                 | 4 / PB+TA                                | 2 / PW                                   | Histopathology                      | 1                           |
| 8        | Male   | 7.8         | 16.18            | Clear inj. at 3 <sup>rd</sup> attempts       | 0 / 2 (PW)                            | 0 / 0                                 | 2 / PB+TA                                | 0 / TA                                   | Histopathology                      | 6                           |
| 9        | Female | 11.5        | 7.15             | Clear inj. at once                           | 0 / 0                                 | 0 / 0                                 | 2 / M+TA                                 | 0 / TA                                   | DDS concentration                   | 6                           |
| 10       | Female | 7.6         | 7.88             | Clear inj. at once                           | 0 / 0                                 | 0 / 0                                 | 1 / PB+TA                                | 0 / TA                                   | DDS concentration                   | 5                           |

Aqueous flare and vitreous cell were evaluated by the SPOTS system at 16X magnification and slit beam setting at 12 mm beam height, 0.2 mm beam width, with ~30-45° beam angle. 0 = ≤ 1, Tr (trace) = 1-5, 1 = 6-25, 2 = 26-50, 3 = 51-100, and 4 = > 100 cells in field; PW, predominantly white; M, mixed color; PB, predominantly brown; NA, not applicable; inj., injection; TA, test article.



**Suppl 3. The funds and anterior structures appeared normal at all timepoint.** Representative images of a 7.6 year old female rhesus macaque (#10) prior to injection (baseline) as well as 2, 4 and 6 months post-injection showed no morphological abnormalities or changes with anterior segment photography, fundus photography, blue auto-fluorescence (AF) with SD-OCT and fluorescein angiography (FA).

#### Suppl 4. Thickness of retinal layers measured by SD-OCT.

| Retinal layers                                    | Thickness         | Group of eyes  | Baseline    | 1 month  | 2 month       | 3 month      | 4 month       | 5 month       | 6 month       |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | P-values          | ANOVA          |             | Tukey's multiple comparisons test (between groups) |               |              |               |               |               |
| Total retinal thickness<br>(TRT)                  | thickness (μm)    | Treatment (OD) | 263.7 ± 6.8 | 269.7 ± 6.8  | 265.3 ± 6.8   | 272.0 ± 6.8  | 271.0 ± 6.8   | 268.7 ± 6.8   | 268.4 ± 7.0   |
|   |                   | Control (OS)   | 260.7 ± 6.8 | 266.3 ± 7.0  | 267.4 ± 6.8   | 265.3 ± 6.8  | 265.7 ± 6.8   | 269.7 ± 6.8   | 271.9 ± 7.0   |
|   | P (between group) | 0.65           | >0.99       | >0.99  | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|   | P (between time)  | 0.93           | OD / OS     | 0.97 / 0.98  | >0.99 / 0.96  | 0.89 / >0.99 | 0.94 / 0.99   | 0.99 / 0.86   | >0.99 / 0.72  |
| Nerve fiber layer<br>(NFL)                        | thickness (μm)    | Treatment (OD) | 13.0 ± 1.3  | 12.3 ± 1.2   | 10.7 ± 1.3    | 13.0 ± 1.3   | 13.3 ± 1.3    | 11.3 ± 1.2    | 11.9 ± 1.4    |
|   |                   | Control (OS)   | 13.7 ± 1.3  | 14.0 ± 1.4   | 12.3 ± 1.3    | 10.7 ± 1.2   | 10.7 ± 1.3    | 13.3 ± 1.3    | 11.4 ± 1.4    |
|   | P (between group) | 0.92           | >0.99       | >0.99  | >0.99         | 0.99         | 0.97          | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|   | P (between time)  | 0.70           | OD / OS     | >0.99 / >0.99                                      | 0.64 / 0.95   | >0.99 / 0.40 | >0.99 / 0.40  | 0.87 / >0.99  | 0.96 / 0.66   |
| Ganglion cell/inner plexiform layers<br>(GCL/IPL) | thickness (μm)    | Treatment (OD) | 32.0 ± 1.7  | 33.3 ± 1.8   | 33.7 ± 1.8    | 33.3 ± 1.7   | 33.0 ± 1.7    | 33.3 ± 1.8    | 34.3 ± 1.9    |
|   |                   | Control (OS)   | 34.7 ± 1.8  | 35.6 ± 2.0   | 32.7 ± 1.8    | 32.3 ± 1.8   | 33.0 ± 1.7    | 34.0 ± 1.8    | 36.3 ± 2.0    |
|   | P (between group) | 0.43           | >0.99       | >0.99  | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|   | P (between time)  | 0.83           | OD / OS     | 0.99 / >0.99                                       | 0.97 / 0.93   | 0.99 / 0.88  | >0.99 / 0.97  | 0.99 / >0.99  | 0.89 / 0.97   |
| Inner nuclear layer<br>(INL)                      | thickness (μm)    | Treatment (OD) | 21.3 ± 1.2  | 18.0 ± 1.2   | 18.0 ± 1.2    | 18.0 ± 1.2   | 18.3 ± 1.2    | 19.0 ± 1.2    | 19.2 ± 1.4    |
|   |                   | Control (OS)   | 19.7 ± 1.2  | 17.1 ± 1.4   | 18.7 ± 1.2    | 16.7 ± 1.2   | 18.0 ± 1.2    | 18.3 ± 1.2    | 22.7 ± 1.4    |
|   | P (between group) | 0.88           | >0.99       | >0.99  | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         | 0.78          |
|   | P (between time)  | 0.05           | OD / OS     | 0.28 / 0.53  | 0.28 / 0.98   | 0.28 / 0.38  | 0.38 / 0.86   | 0.62 / 0.94   | 0.71 / 0.36   |
| Outer plexiform layer<br>(OPL)                    | thickness (μm)    | Treatment (OD) | 23.0 ± 1.6  | 20.0 ± 1.6   | 22.7 ± 1.6    | 22.0 ± 1.7   | 22.3 ± 1.6    | 21.3 ± 1.6    | 22.4 ± 1.8    |
|   |                   | Control (OS)   | 21.3 ± 1.6  | 24.3 ± 1.8   | 24.3 ± 1.6    | 25.7 ± 1.6   | 20.7 ± 1.7    | 22.7 ± 1.6    | 20.4 ± 1.7    |
|   | P (between group) | 0.38           | >0.99       | 0.85   | >0.99         | 0.95         | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|   | P (between time)  | 0.71           | OD / OS     | 0.64 / 0.65  | >0.99 / 0.64  | >0.99 / 0.30 | >0.99 / >0.99 | 0.95 / 0.98   | >0.99 / >0.99 |
| Outer nuclear layer<br>(ONL)                      | thickness (μm)    | Treatment (OD) | 87.3 ± 2.7  | 92.7 ± 2.7   | 91.0 ± 2.0    | 90.0 ± 2.7   | 88.0 ± 2.6    | 91.0 ± 2.7    | 86.7 ± 2.9    |
|   |                   | Control (OS)   | 89.7 ± 2.7  | 91.2 ± 2.9   | 91.0 ± 2.7    | 83.7 ± 2.7   | 89.3 ± 2.7    | 89.0 ± 2.7    | 88.2 ± 2.9    |
|   | P (between group) | 0.61           | >0.99       | >0.99  | >0.99         | 0.92         | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|   | P (between time)  | 0.48           | OD / OS     | 0.57 / >0.99                                       | 0.85 / >0.99  | 0.96 / 0.46  | >0.99 / >0.99 | 0.75 / >0.99  | >0.99 / >0.99 |
| Retinal pigment epithelium<br>(RPE)               | thickness (μm)    | Treatment (OD) | 19.3 ± 1.9  | 23.3 ± 1.9   | 19.0 ± 1.9    | 22.7 ± 1.9   | 24.0 ± 1.9    | 18.7 ± 1.9    | 22.8 ± 2.3    |
|   |                   | Control (OS)   | 16.7 ± 1.9  | 18.5 ± 2.3   | 21.0 ± 1.9    | 20.0 ± 1.9   | 23.7 ± 1.9    | 20.0 ± 1.9    | 23.7 ± 2.2    |
|   | P (between group) | 0.41           | >0.99       | 0.89   | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|   | P (between time)  | 0.07           | OD / OS     | 0.53 / 0.97  | >0.99 / 0.45  | 0.70 / 0.70  | 0.36 / 0.08   | >0.99 / 0.70  | 0.68 / 0.08   |
| Inner retinal layer<br>(IRL)                      | thickness (μm)    | Treatment (OD) | 173.0 ± 6.2 | 174.7 ± 6.1  | 174.0 ± 6.2   | 171.3 ± 6.2  | 171.7 ± 6.1   | 174.0 ± 6.2   | 170.4 ± 6.3   |
|   |                   | Control (OS)   | 172.7 ± 6.2 | 179.8 ± 6.3  | 175.0 ± 6.2   | 165.7 ± 6.2  | 167.0 ± 6.2   | 174.3 ± 6.1   | 172.9 ± 6.3   |
|   | P (between group) | 0.94           | >0.99       | >0.99  | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|   | P (between time)  | 0.81           | OD / OS     | >0.99 / 0.91                                       | >0.99 / >0.99 | >0.99 / 0.92 | >0.99 / 0.97  | >0.99 / >0.99 | >0.99 / >0.99 |
| Outer retinal layer<br>(ORL)                      | thickness (μm)    | Treatment (OD) | 90.3 ± 2.2  | 95.0 ± 2.3   | 91.3 ± 2.2    | 100.7 ± 2.2  | 99.3 ± 2.1    | 95.0 ± 2.2    | 98.0 ± 2.7    |
|   |                   | Control (OS)   | 88.0 ± 2.2  | 87.5 ± 2.7   | 92.0 ± 2.2    | 99.3 ± 2.2   | 99.3 ± 2.1    | 95.0 ± 2.2    | 99.5 ± 2.8    |
|   | P (between group) | 0.31           | >0.99       | 0.59   | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|   | P (between time)  | 0.06           | OD / OS     | 0.50 / 0.99  | >0.99 / 0.82  | 0.05 / 0.08  | 0.09 / 0.05   | 0.50 / 0.31   | 0.16 / 0.05   |

**Suppl 5.** Rod and cone a- and b-wave amplitudes and implicit times as measured by full-field electroretinography.

| ERG measurements               | Amplitudes | Group of eyes      | Baseline         | 1 month                           | 2 month       | 3 month       | 4 month       | 5 month      | 6 month       |               |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                | P-values   | ANOVA              |                  | Tukey's multiple comparisons test |               |               |               |              |               |               |
| Scotopic<br>(Dark adaptation)  | a-wave     | amplitude (μV)     | Treatment (OD)   | 162.0 ± 24.8                      | 136.3 ± 29.7  | 148.2 ± 24.8  | 134.9 ± 24.8  | 118.7 ± 24.8 | 160.7 ± 24.8  | 136.7 ± 29.8  |
|                                |            |                    | Control (OS)     | 118.3 ± 24.8                      | 103.9 ± 24.8  | 118.0 ± 24.8  | 116.8 ± 24.8  | 149.3 ± 24.8 | 143.3 ± 24.8  | 153.7 ± 29.8  |
|                                |            | P (between group)  | 0.34             | >0.99                             | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|                                |            | P (between time)   | 0.90             | OD / OS                           | 0.98 / >0.99  | >0.99 / >0.99 | 0.98 / >0.99  | 0.82 / 0.96  | >0.99 / 0.96  | 0.98 / 0.92   |
|                                |            | implicit time (ms) | Treatment (OD)   | 13.8 ± 0.7                        | 14.7 ± 1.3    | 13.8 ± 0.9    | 11.9 ± 0.8    | 12.7 ± 1.9   | 12.9 ± 1.1    | 12.7 ± 1.3    |
|                                |            |                    | Control (OS)     | 13.8 ± 1.2                        | 14.7 ± 2.2    | 12.0 ± 1.3    | 12.9 ± 2.1    | 11.6 ± 1.4   | 12.9 ± 0.9    | 12.7 ± 1.4    |
|                                |            | P (between group)  | 0.72             | >0.99                             | >0.99         | 0.96          | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|                                |            | P (between time)   | 0.58             | OD / OS                           | >0.99 / >0.99 | >0.99 / 0.87  | 0.84 / >0.99  | 0.98 / 0.75  | >0.99 / >0.99 | 0.98 / 0.98   |
|                                | b-wave     | amplitude (μV)     | Treatment (OD)   | 295.0 ± 50.5                      | 238.5 ± 55.9  | 278.4 ± 56.0  | 242.7 ± 50.5  | 241.7 ± 50.5 | 253.7 ± 50.5  | 217.4 ± 56.0  |
|                                |            |                    | Control (OS)     | 254.7 ± 50.5                      | 222.3 ± 50.5  | 231.7 ± 50.5  | 229.0 ± 50.5  | 237.3 ± 50.5 | 218.3 ± 50.5  | 220.9 ± 56.0  |
|                                |            | P (between group)  | 0.44             | >0.99                             | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|                                |            | P (between time)   | 0.96             | OD / OS                           | 0.97 / >0.99  | >0.99 / >0.99 | 0.96 / >0.99  | 0.98 / >0.99 | >0.99 / >0.99 | 0.88 / >0.99  |
|                                |            | implicit time (ms) | Treatment (OD)   | 44.6 ± 2.5                        | 41.4 ± 0.4    | 36.9 ± 3.7    | 44.4 ± 8.3    | 41.3 ± 1.1   | 41.5 ± 3.8    | 42.1 ± 4.5    |
|                                |            |                    | Control (OS)     | 45.6 ± 2.6                        | 43.6 ± 1.4    | 39.2 ± 1.6    | 40.9 ± 3.5    | 40.2 ± 4.6   | 43.7 ± 7.5    | 40.9 ± 5.9    |
| Photopic<br>(Light adaptation) | a-wave     | P (between group)  | 0.91             | >0.99                             | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|                                |            |                    | P (between time) | 0.80                              | OD / OS       | 0.99 / >0.99  | 0.65 / 0.79   | >0.99 / 0.93 | 0.99 / 0.88   | >0.99 / >0.99 |
|                                |            | amplitude (μV)     | Treatment (OD)   | 18.0 ± 5.3                        | 19.9 ± 5.3    | 11.2 ± 6.2    | 13.5 ± 5.3    | 13.3 ± 5.3   | 17.5 ± 5.3    | 22.4 ± 6.2    |
|                                |            |                    | Control (OS)     | 21.3 ± 5.3                        | 20.7 ± 5.3    | 18.8 ± 6.2    | 17.7 ± 5.3    | 7.8 ± 5.3    | 21.7 ± 5.3    | 23.5 ± 6.2    |
|                                |            | P (between group)  | 0.45             | >0.99                             | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|                                |            | P (between time)   | 0.38             | OD / OS                           | >0.99 / >0.99 | 0.89 / >0.99  | 0.98 / >0.99  | 0.98 / 0.36  | >0.99 / >0.99 | 0.98 / >0.99  |
|                                | b-wave     | implicit time (ms) | Treatment (OD)   | 12.1 ± 2.1                        | 12.6 ± 1.1    | 12.1 ± 1.6    | 12.9 ± 1.5    | 12.8 ± 0.2   | 12.9 ± 1.6    | 13.4 ± 0.5    |
|                                |            |                    | Control (OS)     | 13.6 ± 1.1                        | 15.0 ± 3.8    | 13.3 ± 0.3    | 13.2 ± 1.3    | 10.9 ± 1.3   | 13.1 ± 0.7    | 13.4 ± 0.3    |
|                                |            | P (between group)  | 0.52             | >0.99                             | 0.89          | >0.99         | >0.99         | 0.97         | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|                                |            | P (between time)   | 0.92             | OD / OS                           | >0.99 / 0.97  | >0.99 / >0.99 | >0.99 / >0.99 | >0.99 / 0.64 | >0.99 / >0.99 | 0.98 / >0.99  |
|                                |            | amplitude (μV)     | Treatment (OD)   | 74.1 ± 17.3                       | 68.4 ± 17.3   | 80.0 ± 18.1   | 61.0 ± 17.3   | 69.4 ± 17.3  | 95.1 ± 17.3   | 72.6 ± 18.1   |
|                                |            |                    | Control (OS)     | 97.5 ± 17.3                       | 65.6 ± 17.3   | 79.8 ± 18.1   | 66.9 ± 17.3   | 81.7 ± 17.3  | 86.9 ± 17.3   | 78.7 ± 18.1   |
|                                | b-wave     | P (between group)  | 0.58             | >0.99                             | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|                                |            |                    | P (between time) | 0.73                              | OD / OS       | >0.99 / 0.62  | >0.99 / 0.95  | 0.99 / 0.67  | >0.99 / 0.97  | 0.90 / >0.99  |
|                                |            | implicit time (ms) | Treatment (OD)   | 30.1 ± 1.9                        | 27.6 ± 1.2    | 28.0 ± 0.4    | 28.4 ± 2.8    | 28.0 ± 3.1   | 28.0 ± 1.9    | 27.0 ± 1.8    |
|                                |            |                    | Control (OS)     | 29.9 ± 0.9                        | 27.7 ± 1.6    | 27.9 ± 0.4    | 28.6 ± 2.7    | 28.9 ± 4.0   | 28.9 ± 1.6    | 27.6 ± 0.8    |
|                                |            | P (between group)  | 0.76             | >0.99                             | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99         | >0.99        | >0.99         | >0.99         |
|                                |            | P (between time)   | 0.90             | OD / OS                           | 0.90 / 0.94   | 0.95 / 0.96   | 0.98 / >0.99  | 0.95 / >0.99 | 0.95 / >0.99  | 0.78 / 0.92   |